

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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Mariners are requested to notify NGA of discrepancies in charts and publications, using the Marine Information Report and Suggestion Sheet at the back of this Notice to Mariners. This form should also be used to report permanent changes, additions, or deletions from charted or published information. Reports which constitute an immediate hazard to navigation should be sent to the nearest NAVAREA Coordinator via coast radio stations. All reports are greatly appreciated. Marine Information Report and Suggestion sheets received during the past week were submitted by the following observers:

Observer	Ship/Organization
QMCM(SW) Mike Jones	USS SAIPAN

Cover Photo: USS HARRY S. TRUMAN (CVN 75) is the eighth NIMITZ-class nuclear-powered aircraft carrier and is named after our nation's 33rd President, Harry S. Truman. When Truman became President, America faced a mountain of crises: Europe lay shattered, a Cold War bred danger around the world, and dark clouds of the nuclear age were growing. Through his leadership and vision 56 years ago, the Cold War has ended, Europe is thriving once again, Germany has been reunited and the world has positioned itself for the challenges of the 21st century. Harry Truman knew that a President's ability to persuade others in the world is greatly enhanced when commanding the world's strongest military, and during his presidency he came to rely-as all Presidents do-on the world's greatest Navy. This carrier which bears his name occupies four and a half acres, stands 20 stories high, and is home to almost 6,000 sailors and officers. She is a monument to the strength and character of a President, those who serve aboard her and to the shipyard workers who built her. The ship's motto, "The Buck Stops Here", is derived from President Truman's belief that he ultimately bore the responsibility for making the final decision. "Passing the buck" was not an option. The **HARRY S. TRUMAN** is 1,092 feet in length, has a 134-foot beam and a draft of 38 feet. The keel was laid 29 November 1993 at Newport News Shipbuilding, Newport News, VA, and she was commissioned 25 July 1998. Bless the crew of **CVN 75** and, as Harry Truman would say, "Give 'em hell!"